

### Yuba Trails Enhancement Project Public Scoping

The Forest Service is proposing the Yuba Trails Enhancement Project to: (1) re-route four motorized trail segments, totaling approximately 5 miles; (2) remove three existing unauthorized routes, totaling approximately 3 miles; and (3) construct a short connector motorized trail, totaling approximately 0.15 miles on National Forest System lands on the Yuba River Ranger District of the Tahoe National Forest. These actions are needed to address ongoing soil erosion and potential water quality impacts associated with existing closed, motorized trails and unauthorized routes in this area. The proposed actions would address soil erosion and water quality impacts, provide for a sustainable trail system, improve motorized recreation opportunities, and enhance trail users' experiences.

The Project area is located north of the community of Downieville, (T-20 & 21N, R10E & R11E, multiple sections), and entirely within Sierra County. The four motorized trail re-routes and three unauthorized routes to be removed are located within the East and West Yuba Inventoried Roadless Areas. The 0.15-mile motorized connector trail lies outside the Inventoried Roadless Areas.

The Project scoping letter and map is available online at: <http://fs.usda.gov/projects/tahoe/landmanagement/projects>. Detailed information about this project is available by contacting Paul Hart, Assistant Public Service Officer (Trails) and Project Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Tahoe National Forest, Yuba River Ranger District, 15924 Hwy 49, Camptonville, CA 95922; (530) 478-6253.

The Tahoe National Forest is seeking public input on this proposal. If you have information that is specific to this proposed action that you feel the Forest Service may not be aware of, or feel you have issues (points of dispute, debate, or disagreement) regarding potential effects of the proposed actions, please submit your comments either electronically to: [comments-pacificsouthwest-tahoe-yuba-river@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-pacificsouthwest-tahoe-yuba-river@fs.fed.us) or by mail to Dennis Stevens or Paul Hart at the address above.

Please submit your comments within 30 days after publication of the scoping legal notice in Grass Valley's The Union newspaper. This project is subject to 36 CFR 218 Project-level Predecisional Administrative Review Process (Parts A and B); hence, individuals and entities who submit timely, specific written comments regarding this proposed project during any designated opportunity for public comment (including this 30-day period) may file an objection. Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection. Comments will be addressed in the environmental document that the Interdisciplinary Team will be developing over the next several months.

If you do not wish to comment but would like to follow the development of this project proposal, please let us know in writing by the above mentioned date. Submitted comments and/or addresses will be used to develop a list of interested persons for future mailings. If we do not hear from you, we will not be able to include you on the mailing list developed for this specific project.

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